

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 550

Introduced by Assembly Member Brown

February 20, 2013

An act to amend Section 14839 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 550, as introduced, Brown. State government: Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services.

Existing law provides for various programs to encourage the participation of small businesses, as certified by the Department of General Services, in state agency contracts, and sets forth the duties of the Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services in this regard.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14839 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 14839. There is hereby established within the department the
- 4 Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise
- 5 Services. The duties of the office shall include:
- 6 (a) Compiling and maintaining a comprehensive bidders list of
- 7 qualified small businesses and disabled veteran business

1 enterprises, and noting which small businesses also qualify as
2 microbusinesses.

3 (b) Coordinating with the Federal Small Business
4 Administration, the Minority Business Development Agency, and
5 the Office of Small Business Development of the Department of
6 Economic and Business Development.

7 (c) Providing technical and managerial aids to small businesses,
8 microbusinesses, and disabled veteran business enterprises, by
9 conducting workshops on matters in connection with government
10 procurement and contracting.

11 (d) Assisting small businesses, microbusinesses, and disabled
12 veteran business enterprises, in complying with the procedures for
13 bidding on state contracts.

14 (e) Working with appropriate state, federal, local, and private
15 organizations and business enterprises in disseminating information
16 on bidding procedures and opportunities available to small
17 businesses, microbusinesses, and disabled veteran business
18 enterprises.

19 (f) Making recommendations to the department and other state
20 agencies for simplification of ~~specifications~~ and terms *and*
21 *specifications* in order to increase the opportunities for small
22 business, microbusiness, and disabled veteran business enterprise
23 participation.

24 (g) Developing, by regulation, other programs and practices
25 that are reasonably necessary to aid and protect the interest of small
26 businesses, microbusinesses, and disabled veteran business
27 enterprises in contracting with the state.

28 (h) Making efforts to develop, in cooperation with associations
29 representing counties, cities, and special districts, a core statewide
30 small business certification application that may be adopted by all
31 participating entities, with any supplemental provisions to be added
32 as necessary by the respective entities.

33 (i) The information furnished by each contractor requesting a
34 small business or microbusiness preference shall be under penalty
35 of perjury.